Minneapolis, Minn., dispatches of Wednesday state that the storm still con-tinues and is by far the worst of the season. The thermometer reached twenty-eight degrees below zero at Fort Assinaboine.

The rate troubles between Chicago and Kansas City points continue. Some managers freely predict a rate war before the winter is over.

A corporation of Drogheda, Wednesday voted to confer the liberality of the city upon Wiliam O'Brien, now confined in Tullamore jail.

An immense raft from Nova Scotia is now adrift in the Atlantic in the course of European vessels. Secretary Whitney, Wednesday, ordered a vessel to be sent out on the ocean to warn the vessels of its presence and if possible to tow it into shore. The steamship, Dolphin, was sent on the

The investigation of the Pennsylvania, Lake Erie and Western railroad up to Wed nesday night had developed nothing of a criminal nature. The investigation has been extended to the ticket offices along the

The collections of internal revenue for the arst five months of the present fiscal year amounted to \$51,860,549, being an increase of \$3,854,742 as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The steamer Samana which arrived in New York Wednesday reports that a heavy norther swept over the West Indies on the 6th 7th 8th inst causing much damage. In all 70 vessels were wrecked.

Further dispatches from various parts of the United States Wednesday, show that the cold wave was very general, covering almost the entire western half of the country. At Denver Thursday morning the thermometer stood at fifteen degrees below zero, and at Fort Davis, Texas, snow was falling. At Milwaukee the weather is very cold, the thermometer falling thirty-three degrees in a few hours. The Mohawk valley, in New York, has been visited by a two-foot snow

Four persons were killed at Mount Sterling, Kentucky, Wednesday, while going over a railroad crossing in a buggy. They were all intoxicated.

At Espanola, New Mexico, Wednesday night, at a dance at which whisky flowed freely, a drunken Mexican shot a little girl and Mrs. Gonzalez, wounding them fatally. Hillsboro, Texas, dispatches state that two

buildings were burned in that city, Tuesday, causing a total loss of \$60,000. Wednesday, causing a total loss of \$60,000. Joseph Leving was arrested and indicted for setting the buildings on fire. A meeting was held in Dallas, Texas,

Wednesday, with delegates present from every representative district in the state, for the purpose of consulting how to best obtain an increased immigration to the state. Committees were appointed, and the representatives of various railroads were present and stated their willingness to assist.

E. L. Packer, a dealer in fine lumber, assigned conditionally, at Pittsburg. Wednes-day. He does a business of \$1,500,000 annually, and slow collections caused him the

A fire broke out in Pittsburg, Thursday morning, and for a time it seemed impossible to get it under control. Reports at 3 a. m., stated that it could be soon stopped. Up to that hour the loss would aggregate

A Kansas City dispatch, dated Wednesday, denies the truth of the reports sent out from that city, Tuesday, to the effect that there is a scarcity of coal in western Kansas, which is causing great suffering among the settlers. The dispatch states that there is plenty of coal, and that the settlers are comfortably fixed.

James A. Tyng, the Harvard college baseball pitcher, has signed with the Philadel-

Chicago di Acteber of Thursday state that on January 1st California excursion rates will be advanced from \$60 to \$30 from the

Anthony Nelson, one of the green goods men recently put on trial in New York City, was dismissed by the court, Thursday, on the grounds, as advanced by his counsel, that in his circular and letters there were no proofs that the goods mentioned was counterfeit money.

A collision on the Ohio & Northwestern railroad Thursday fatally wounded two passengers and injured several others and the train crews of each train. The trains colhided near Idlewild station.

Dr. Ferdinand Hayden, a distinguished scientist, and widely known as a geologist, died in Philadelphia, Thursday. He occu-pied more than twenty years in the exploration of the great west, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and other western territories. Among his publications were "The Great West, its Attractions and Resources."

A mob of twenty men marched into Tomkinsville, Kentucky, Thursday night, and demanded the prisoners confined in the county jail for barning the town. The mob was finally dispersed, owing to the firm po-sition taken by the officers and citizens of

A special from Abilene dated Thursday states that there is not a word of truth in the sensational reports sent out as to suffering in western Kansas.

Tammany Hall held a large meeting Thursday night, and passed a resolution fa-woring New York as the place at which to hold the National Democratic convention. Resolutions were passed calling for a reduction of the surplus and the protection of American labor.

Lynchburg, Virginia, dispatches state that in Scott county a young man named Napoleon B. Temple was murdered by George Adams, an unsuccessful suitor for the hand of the young woman whom Temple recently

The steamer Waistland, of the Red Star line, now in course across the Atlantic, is thought to be disabled.

There have been riots in a large number of Russian universities, by students, all of whom have been suspended.

The American Flint Glass Worker's union et Pittsburg has sent its new rules to the employing table-ware manufacturers. It is believed that Rule 2, the rule intended to perpetuate the union, will not be accepted, in which case the present lockout will con-

Mrs. Jacob Condon, of Reed, Pennsylvanis, dreamed, a few days ago, that her year-old baby was burned to death. Saturday, while in the wood-house, she heard screams, and found her baby wrapped in flames, from which it died shortly afterward, fulfilling her

John Littleton, editor of the Nashville Review, was shot and seriously wounded, Saturday, by Joseph R. Banks, whom he has been for some time traducing in his paper.

A cigar maker's strike is feared in New York. The Cigar Maker's union is reported to have a full treasury and fully prepared to carry on the strike. An Alexander, La., special of of Saturday

to the Times-Democrat says: It has been snowing here all the forenoon. In some places the snow is from six to eight inches deep, the heaviest snow fall in this section for many years.

Chicago dispatches of Saturday, substan-tiate the report that the Chicago Times has been sold. The first steps of the transfer

A young lady attending Ward's seminary, Nashville, Tenn., was burned to death, aturday, by her clothing catching fire from

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

Washingrom, D. C., December 20.—Nu-merons petitions for varous states were pre-sented in favor of M. S. Blair's educational bill and also a petition from citizens of Pennsylvania protesting againgt the admission of Utah as a state.

Mr. Allison, from the committee on finance, reported a bill to regulate importation of the protection of the protection

tion of foreign merchandise and to secure uniformity in classification thereof and for

other purposes (under valuation bill.)

Mr. Davis, from the committee on pen sions, reported a bill to place the name of Mrs. Logan (widow of General John A. Logan) on the pension roll as the rate of \$2,000 a year and asked for its immediate

onside ration.

Mr. Edmunds asked that the postal telegraph bill introduced by him be taken from the table and referred to the postoffice com-

The senate has removed the injunction of secrecy from the following nomenations which were confirmed in secret sessions on the 15th inst.: Charles S. Faichild, of New York, to be secretary of the treasury; George L. Rives, of New York, to be assain-tant secretary of state; Isaas H. Maynard, of New York, to be assistant secretary of the treasury; James W. Hyatt, of Connecticut, to be United States treasurer; Bayliss W. Hanna, of Indiana, to be minister to Argentine Republic; Alexander S. Lawton, of Georgia, to be minister to Austria, Hun-gary; James F. Benedict, of Celorado, to be colllector of internal revenue, district of Colorado.

The House.

Washington, D. C., December 20.—Mr. Braumm, of Pennsylvania, offered a preamble and resolution reciting that it is cur-rently reported that coal operators in the Lehigh region are now importing or are about to import 2,000 Belgian miners under contract to take the place of the miners now or a strike in that section. That the strikers have used every endeavor to settle the differences by arbitration, and the operators positively refuse to enter into arbitration, and requesting the president to notify the official department of these acts and urge them to use special efforts to prevent the bringing of Belgian miners, and see that the laws on importation of labor under con-tract are strictly enforced. Referred to the committee on labor.

The house comittee on elections was called

together to fix a date for the consideration of the Thorb-Critisle contest election case. Mr. Mills, of Texas, moved an adjournment, staring that he did so in order to enable the committee on rules to meet an decide upon a report which would probably be submitted to-morrow. Motion agreed to and house adjourned at 12:15.

Senate.

Washington, D. C., December 21 .- On a resolution by Mr. Cockrell the fish commission was directed to report on work done to-ward establishing a fish cultural station in southwestern Missouri.

Mr. Beck's resolution of the 12th inst., as to the advisability of adopting a one cent rate of letter postage was referred to the postoffice committee.

Mr. Allison called up the holiday recess resolution and moved its adoption. The resolution was vigorously opposed by Senator Plumb, but was carried at length by a vote of 37 to 19. The surplus question was argued at length. The Blair educational bill was taken up as unfinished business, and after an executive session the senate ad-

House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21.-Secretary Fairchild issued an order for the clos-ing of all custom houses on the 26th inst, and the 2d proximo, and for the closing of the treasury on the 24th and 31st.

The committee on rules submitted a partial report, recommending the adoption of the rules of the Forty-ninth congress until further orders with several non-important changes. The report was adopted and the house adjourned.

Washington, December 22.—The death of Representative Seth C. Moffat, of Michigan, was announced by Mr. Burrows, who also offered resolutions expressing regret and providing for the appointment of a joint committee of seven representatives three senators to superintend the funeral and escort the remains to the place of burial. Out of respect to the memory of the dece the house adjourned until January 4.

The Senate. Washington, December 22.—Mr. Dolph introduced a bill to provide for the payment of claims for damages by Indian depreda-tions, which was referred to the committee

on Indian affairs.

Mr. Dolph's resolution of the 12th inst., on the subject of marriage and divorce and prohibiting bigamy and polygamy was brought up, and after a short argument was laid on the table.

The presiding officer announced the ap-

pointment of a committee of five to investigate the condition of the five civilized tribes of Indiana. Mr. Teller introduced a bill to provide for the compulsory education of Indian chil-

dren. A message from the house announced the death of Representative Moffatt, and after the adoption of resolutions of respect the cenate adjourned till January &

Wanted to Kill Him.

Dunlin, December 21.-Captain Dunn, late governor of Castle Bar, and ex-officer in the United States army has been committed for trial in this city for firing a revolver at Rev. Henry Melville whom Dunn charges with seducing his daughter while residing with Mrs. Melville. Melville took the girl to the continent traveled with her the girl to the continent, traveled with her the girl to the continent, traveled with ner to different places. The pair finally returning to London were discovered by Dunn. Melville fled to Ireland pursued by Dunn who traced him to Dublin and seeing him seated in a cab fired at him. Melville held his traveling rug before him and stopped the bullets. The affair created a sensation in Dublin society.

Discouraging Crep Prospects in Illinois Springpield, Ill., December 21.—Colonel Charles F. Mills, secretary of the state board of agriculture, thinks the outlook for the agricultural interests of Illinois in 1888 is agricultural interests of Illinois in 1885 is discouraging. He said to-day that much of the winter wheat that was sown in the fall of the year fell upon dry ground and failed to germinate, and that the alternate freezing and thawing of an open winter, which ap-pears probable, will be so untavorable to the growth of that portion which did derive sufficient moisture from the soil to make a start that there is little hope for a good crop. The reports from the crop correspondents of the agricultural board for the month of December have begun to come in. They show that the drouth has caused great and wide-spread damage to the farming community, but the corn crop is not as deficient as it was feared it would be.

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Wichtra, Kas., December 21.—The nearest locality to this point where there is any suffering or likely to be, so far as is known for food or fuel is in Clark county, 150 miles west of Wichita. There is no scarcity of provisions or fuel in this vicinity. Reports from Clark and Lane counties tell of much suffering and some deaths from exposure and want of both fuel and provisions.

Wichita, Kan., December 20.—Snow commenced falling here yesterday morning and has come down steadily ever since. Later in the day a blizzard set in from the north and has hourly increased in violence. Advices are to the effect that the blizzard is general over the west and that it has caught A Blizzard in Kansos

the country without an adequate supply of coal. It is known that the coal companies have for some cause failed to coal. It is known that the coal companies have for some cause failed to supply the demand on the plains. There is great fear that much suffering and distress will result from this sudden change in the weather as it is certain that entire listricts are almost entirely without fuel.

RECKLESS RAILROADING.

A Train Dashes at Full Speed Into

Crowd. Chicago, December 22.—The incoming Baltimore & Ohio train plowed at full speed hrough the crowd at the suburban town through the crowd at the suburban town of Van Buren station last evening. Fully 200 people were thronging the tracks at the time and without a whistle or note of warning the train was upon them. In an instant Miss Lottie Launderville was thrown through the air, a distance of fifteen or twenty feet and fatally injured. Immediately after the accident the Baltimore & Ohio train backed up and had barely stopped when the cab was boarded by an infuriated crowd of persons who had parrowinfuriated crowd of persons who had narrow ly escaped death. The engineer was roughly eized and cries of "lynch him," and "kil im" were shouted from hundreds of throats Just in time to prevent the crowd from exe cuting its threats two central detail officers arrived and rescued the cowering man from the throng of avengers and the engineer was quickly spirited away.

Not as Bad as Reported. GARDEN CITY, KAN., December 22. conversation with representatives of elever counties of southwest Kansas the Sentine to-day learned that in these counties there has been no more suffering from the cold snap than is usually experienced by people who are provided against such occurrences by clothing, food and fuel. No deaths have been reported from the cold, and the people who are provided against such occurrences by clothing, food and fuel. ole are well provided with food and fael, the coal famine having come to and end about two weeks ago. The Sentinel of this city has correspondents in twelve coun-ties from whom it hears regularly and it can state authoratively that in the counties of Scott, Wichita, Greely, Hamilton, Kearney, Einney, Haskell, Grant, Stanton, Mofton, Stevens, Seward, Gray and Garfield there haf been no more suffering than the usual inconvenience from cold in any community.

A Costly Kiss. Lyons, N. Y. December 22.-Mrs. Jennie Walker, of Ontario, this county, has sued Daniel Elman, one of the most prominent men in that place, for \$2,000 damages for kissing her on the left cheek last September. Sne alleges that Elman came into her house on business with her husband, and, when her husband went out of the room moment, he suddenly leaned over and kissed her, whereby she was thrown into nervous prostration, and because of the shock occasioned by Elman's hasty act she was physically incapacitated from household duties for several weeks. Elman admits that he kissed her, but he says he has re-garded her as his child, and his act was only one of affection for her. He will defend

Kansas Pensions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22 .- Pen sions were granted yesterday as follows: Kansas—Eliza E., mother of Samuel Jacob Reed, Yates Center. Mexican War-Thomas A. Snoddy, Pleasant Ridge. Original—Jas. McBride, Milo; Samuel J. Lecron, Chase; John J. Waterbury, Dighton. Nels F. Axelson, Blue Rapids. Increase—Sylvanus Ten-ney, Elk Falls; Elisha J. Piper: Ellinwood; Fray X. Frel, Elk City; Harland H. Reagan, Corbin; John S. Willis, Chico; Henry S. Cowger, Minneapolis; Nathan B. Adams, Garden City; William Woolf, Andover: Christian N. Bell, Rosedale. Reissue—Isaac Welch, Iola; Westley I'. Whitehead, Topeks.

Swindlers at Work.

St. Joseph, Mo., December 22.—Swindlers are victimizing Kansas merchants by offering to sell for 50 cents per thousand paper bags that are worth \$7.10 per thousand. They claim to be agents for a well known firm of paper dealers, and have already duped nearly every merchant in the town of

. Milling Industry Reviewed. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., December 22 .- The Northwestern Miller's annual review of the milling industry in this city shows that the year's product of flour will be 6,616,700 barrels. The receipts of wheat for twelve months to December 1, have been 45,577,190 bushels and the shipments 12,337,700 bushels; against 32,832,020 and 5,729,750 respectively last year.

Charged With False Entries. HARTFORD, CONN., December · 22.—The grand jury to-night returned indictments against James S. Parsons, president; Robert E. Beecher, secretary and Isaac W. Hakes, a plerk of the Continental Life Insurance company, charging them with false entries. Parsons has been in Canada two weeks.

MARKET REPORTS.

Kansas City Grain and Produce Markets KANSAS CITY, December 27, 1887. The Daily Indicator reports:

FLOUR—Very dull. Nothing except in mixed lots.

Quotations are for established brands in car lots, per half barrel in sacks, as follows: XX. 85; XXX. 95@1 00. family, \$1 10@1 20: choice, \$1 45 @1 55: fancy, \$1 60@1 65: patent, \$2 00@2 65; rye, \$1 40@1 80. From city mills 25c higher.

WHEAT—Receipts at regular elevator since last report... bushels; withdrawals, bushels, leaving stock in store, as reported to the board of trade to-day, \$95,352 bushels.

The market on change to-day was strong. No. 2 red winter wheat—none on the market.

CORN—Receipts at regular elevators since last reports, 6,492 bushels, and withdrawals bushels, leaving stock in store, as reported to the board of trade to-day, 52,856 bushels.

The market on change was weak. No. 2 cash, \$34c bid, 44%c asked; December, no bids, 44%c asked; January, 44%c bid, 44%c asked; January, 44%c bid, 44%c asked; May, 48%c bid, 48%c asked.

OATS—No. 2 cash, no bids, 29%c asked; December, no bide, 29c asked; January, no bids, 30c asked; May, 31%c bid, 48%c asked.

RYE—No. 2 cash, 54c bid, no offerings; December, 5*c bid, no offerings.

POULTRY—Live spring chickens, \$1 75@2 00; old hens, \$2 00; roosters, \$1 50@1 75; turkeys, dull at 6c per pound; ducks, \$2 00@2 50 per dozen.

EGGS—The market was steady at 10c. FLOUR-Very dull. Nothing except in mixed

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BUITER—Firm; creamery fancy, 25c; good, 22c; fine dairy, 15@16c; store packed, 14@16c; common, 9@10c.

HAY—Firm; strictly fancy is firm at \$9 50: for large baled, small baled, \$9 00; wire bound, 50c less.

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OIL CAKE—Per 100 lbs., sacked, \$1 25: \$11 00 per ton free on board cars; car lots, \$19 00 per ton.

CORN MEAL—Green, 65c; dried, chop, 75c; yellow, 61c, bolk, 70c sacked.

SHIPPING STUFF—Bulk, 55@63c.

FLAX SEED—98c.

BHAN—Bulk, 54c; sacked, 60c.

CASTOR BEANS—\$1 00.

HIDES—Dry fint, No 1, per pound, 12c; No. 2, 10c; dry flint and stags, 10c; dry salted, No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c; green salted, bull and stags, 5%c; green uncared, No. 1, 54c; No. 2, 55c; calf, 7a 8c; sheep pelts, dried, 96 lic per lb.

6½c, No. 2, 5½c; calf, 7% 8c; sheep pelts, dried, 96; lic per lb.

WOOL-Missouri, unwashed, heavy, fine, 166; l8c; light, fine, 18c; medium, 22@23c; medium combing, 22623c; coarse combing, 20@21c; low and carpet, 15@17c; Kansas and Nebraska, heavy, tub-washed, choice medium, 34@35c; fire, 24@25c; dingy and low, 17@18c.

CHEESE—We quote: Full cream, 13c; flats, 6c; Young America, 13½c; Kansas, 16c.

BROOM CORN—Quotations: Hurl, 19c; self-working, 6@7c; common, 5c; crooked, 3½@4c.

Kansas City Live Stock Market. KANSAS CITY, December 27, 1887. The Live Stock Indicator reports:

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CATPLE—Beceipts, 1,300 head; shipments, 725 head. Market on change to-day was 5210c lower. Good to choice, corn-fed, \$4 254 80; common to medium, \$3 2544 15; stockers, \$2 0042 65; feaders, \$2 7063 30; cows, \$1 5063 25; grassers, \$1 8063 (0).

HOGS—Receipts, 6,200 head; shipments, 630 head. Market open d-teady and 10620c lower. Good to choice, \$5 2045 55; common to medium, \$4 7564 15 skips and pirs, \$2 004 60.

SHLEP—Receipts, 800 head; shipments, 240 Market was stoady. Good to choice, \$3 5064 40; common to medium, 2 0063 50.

SHIPWRECKED

Thirty-two Days on a Dismantled Hulk NEW YORK, December 23 .- "For thirtytwo days two survivors of a crew of twentyeight men existed on a dismantled water. logged hulk in a stormy sea, with never a sail in sight."

Such was the substance of the story told by Oscar Linn and Henry Magnus, the only witnesses to the loss of the American clipper ship Alfred Watts. A dispatch from Philadelphia on December 11, told of the loss of the vessel, but this was afterward discredited. Two Ecandinavian sailors who still bear evidence in their faces of the sufferings they had endured, gave a detailed account of the disaster to the reporter. The Alfred Watts, under command of the veteran Captain F. H. Johnson, left Philadelphia on October 8 for Hiogo, in Japan, with a cargo of 714,205 gallons of case oil. On October 19 a hurricane struck the vessel. Shortly after noon a huge sea boarded the vessel, and Captain Johnson and twenty-six seamen were carried away. The two sailors, left alone on the great ship, could only cling to the broken fixtures of the main deck. The main mast snapped off close to the deck and the fore and mizzen masts followed, the sea sweeping everything overboard. The ship was rapidly filling and soon the decks were flush with the water. They managed to obtain some of the brine soaked provisions on the Watts and some vater from the tanks. On November 20 the water from the tanks. On November 20 the bark Lizzie Perry, of Yarmouth, England, took them off in an exhausted condition. The Perry was wrecked a few days later on a reef off Barbadoes but every one was saved by an English steamer.

A Bond Robber Captured

HALIPAX, N. S., December 23.-Frank C. McNeally, for whom detectives have been looking for months, was captured this morning. McNeally's crime was the theft of \$185,000 in bonds and \$23,000 in cash from the Saco and Biddeford Savings institution, of Saco, Maine, of which he was teller. He fled to Europe but returned here on the steamer Polynesian on Sunday. His brother came here from Saco and met him, and the theory is that he took away the bonds with him when he returned to Saco, as they were not found when young McNeal-ly's baggage was searched to-day. His trunks contained many suits of costly clothing and considerable fine jewelry. The only writing found was two telegrams in cypher. There was also a complete set of appliances for effecting disguises. Young McNeally ad-mitted his identity. He sent for Consul mitted his identity. He sent for Consul General Phelan, with whom he had a long private interview. The Saco authorities were notified of the arrest. McNeally subsequently received a dispatch from Cashier Kelly, of the Saco and Biddeford saving institution, stating that his brother Harry McNeally had left for Halifax to act as their agent, explain matters and make arrangements. The state constable to-night telegraphed to the chief of police to hold the prisoner until the proper papers have been forwarded. Consul Phelan has have been forwarded. Consul received a dispatch from the teller, of the Saco and Biddeford institution authorizing him to take care of any of the stolen bonds that might be secured.

A DEVILISH DEED.

A Bloody Crime Committed by Robbers, New York, December 23.-James Miller, a real estate broker, about 70 years old, was found lying dead this morning on the floor of his home on West Sixteenth street. Beside him lay his wife, unconscious and dying. On her head and face were several gashes. It is supposed that the couple were attacked and beaten by robbers. The discovery was made by a letter carrier, who knocked at the door about 8 o'clock. He received no answer, but heard laboued breathing from within, that caused him to think something was wrong. He called a policeman, who broke the door open. They found the kitchen utensils and crockeryware broken and fragments strewn over the floor. The apartments are on the ground floor, and a window opening into the yard was found open. Mr. Miller was said to be weal by. His wife, the neighbors say, has been insane for the past year. She was taken to the hospital.

An Extraordinary Concession

St. Louis, December 23.—It is announced at El Paso, Texas, that the Mexican gov-ernment has granted extraordinary concessions to a real estate company to in immigration to eleven states in Mexico. The company has obtained title to 55,000,-000 acres of land in Chihuahua; Sinaloa, Durango, Coahuila, Tacatecas, Guantumanlipas, Vera Cruz, Michavon, Jalisco, Guerre-ro, and propose to establish agencies in all large cities of Europe and America. government has granted an exemption from taxation and duties to all settlers on those tracts and insures proper protection.

A Congressman Talks,

CHICAGO, December 23.—Congressman Isaac Stevenson, of Wisconsin, who is bound for home from Washington for the holidays, said to a reporter here to-day: "The pos master general, Mr. Vilas, told Senator Say master general, Mr. Vilas, told Senator Saw-yer and myself day before yesterday that he would recommend the erection of govern-ment buildings in all towns where the pos-tal receipts weri \$3,000 and good, fire-proof brick buildings in towns of 6,000 inhab-itants, costing \$8,000 each." Mr. Steven-son added: "I'm in favor of the government doing so and the present congress may con sider such a measure."

Harmony Restored.

KANSAS CITY, December 23.—A Journal Tablequah, Indian Territory, special says: The Bitter fight between the Downing and National parties over the recent election in to-day. The council met to-day and pro-ceeded to count the votes. Joel Mays, the Downing candidate for chief, was declared elected, and this chief obstacle to harmony being removed the council proceeded to its regular work. Special Agent Armstrong re-turned to Washington to-night.

Libel Suits by the Wholesale. MONTREAL, December 23 .- Mr. Charles E. MONTREAL, December 23.—Mr. Charles E. George, managing editor of the daily Ar-Kansas Gazette, of Little Rock, has begun suits in the court of queen's bench, Quebec, through Hon. Donald Dowaie, barrister, of this city, against the Witness, of this city, the Journal, of Ottawa, and the Citizen. of Ottawa, on the charge of malicious libel. The damages in each case are laid at \$15,000.

Almost a Riot,

WACHINGTON, D. C., December 24.—An svening paper says: A riot was narrowly avoided at the navy yard yesterday and something serious might have occurred had not a disciplined armed force been on the ground. At the close of the work on the ex-cavation for the new ordnance foundry, Sucavation for the new ordinance foundry, Superintendent Pughley announced the names of sixty men whose services would no longer be required. This announcement, coming as it did just before Christmas, was folas it did just before Christmas, was fol-lawed by an exciting scene, participated in by the discharged employes. They shouted out against such treatment and threats of violence were made. The approach of an armed body of marines which had been summoned succeeded in bringing the disturbance to an end.

Caused by a Broken Rail.

MEDFORD, Wis., December 23.—The south-bound passenger train was wrecked by a broken rail at Coolidge, Price county, last night. One passenger from Butternut, named Montie, was killed outright and named monue, was killed outright and several people were injured more or less. Conductor Greenfield was at first reported killed, but later reports say he is only slightly injured. The killed are: M. Montis, of Butternut. Wounded: Conductor Greenfield, badly; W. B. Baker, of Bancroft, lost three fingers; Theodere Moony, of Eau Clare; Mr. Clements, wife and three children, of Decatur, Ill.: M. Mahoney, of Ashland; Mrs. Sullivan, wife of the conductor, and John McIllingham, of Ashland, and five others are slightly wounded, but their names are unknown.

IN THREE ROUNDS

Paddy Ryan Knocked Out by Joe Me Auliffe.

San Francisco, December 24.—Paddy Ryan and Joe McAuliffe met in the California Athletic club rooms last night. The men were in fine condition. The directors of the club informed the men that no or of the club informed the men that no or-dinary fouls would be taken notice of, as the club was putting up \$1,000 to be fought for, and the spectators, who paid \$10, should have the worth of their money. It was agreed that if the police stopped the fight in the first round, or before the men began, they were to get \$125 each. If the police stopped them after the eighth round, each man was to receive \$500; if the fight was fought to the finish and the referee decided that it had been fairly won, the victor was to get \$1,000. These provisions were considthat it had been fairly won, the victor was to get \$1,000. These provisions were consid-ered necessary as since Ryan was knocked out by Sullivan his stock has been very low here, and the belief was general that Mc-Auliffe could win. McAuliffe won in three of the worst fought rounds possible to im-agine. In the second round Ryan was knocked down twice, the third round was all a scramble. Ryan was groggy and McAul-iffe was too awkward to hit him. Ryan threw up the sponge on the fourth round be-

The Reading Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 24.—The convention of the Reading railroad employes assembled here this evening and or ered on strike everybody in the employ of the company with the exception of senger train employes. The order to strike includes the coal miners in the employ of the Reading company and will effect nearly 60,000 men.

The convention adopted resolutions cen suring the company for violating the thir-teenth article of the agreement made a year ago between the officers of the company and employes, which read as follows: every man employed by the company shall receive a fair and just investigation of any grievance or complaint entered against him before he shall be discharged or suspended." In view of this violaion and the company's refusal to arbitrate the differences with their men appointed to settle the difficulty, the convention decided to order out all employes of the Reading railroad system except the passenger train men, signal men, switchmen and gate keepers. This order was issued at once and word was telegraphed to all the stations on the system. Resolutions were adopted deprecating the presence of the police.

A Windfall of \$300,000.

Canandalgua, N. Y., December 24.—Herman Eastman, a poor young farm laborer of the town of Walworth, ten miles north of this place, has had a big windfall. He was left an orphan years ago, and was kept at the Wayne county poor house until 15 years of age. Then he went to work upon farms for his board and a mere pittance of mone each month. He has taught himself to read and write a little, but has had to work very hard. His father's only brother, Cyrus, went to California in 1849, and was never of again until seen in Honolulu a few years ago. He died at Albuquerque, N. M., September, without making a will, and left an estate valued at fully \$300,000 in Colorado silver mines, orange groves and Oregon tumber lands. His only heir is his nephew, Herman Eastman, of Walworth, who has been notified by attorneys at San Antonio that he is to receive the whole of his uncle's property. The poor fellow is dazed at the prospect of so much wealth, and says he will rst marry a poor young farm girl, to whom he has been engaged two years. No man in these parts ever had so many devoted friends as Herman has now. Everybody bows to him.

The Chicago "Times" Transfer. CHICAGO, December 24.—The Times tomorrow will say: The first steps were taken yesterday in the transfer of the estate of the late W. F. Story, including the Times, to the people who have recently purchased it. Mr. James J. West one of the purchasers was an pointed receiver. As a part of the plan for the ultimate transfer to the Chicago Times company, Mrs. Eureka C. Story, on the one hand and the heirs at law on the other, have conveyed all their interests to Mr. West The object of making him receiver was to protect the creditors of the estate under the receiver law until necessary legal steps could be completed. As soon as an inventory can be made and the debts adjusted, the new owners will assume editorial control of the paper. C. J. Snowden, who is associated with Mr. West, stated this evening that there had been as yet no change in the working force of the paper except that C. R. Dennett, the night editor, and Mr. Frank McClethen, one of the writers, had quit their places. Mr. T. C. Cowles, who preceded Mr. Dennett as night editor, had aken up the duties let fall by Mr. Den-

nett. A Kansas Man's Mysterious Dissapear

CINCINNATI, OHIO, December 24.—The police authorities have in their charge a boy whose story is very mysterious. He was given to the police by Mr. Manning Light, of Atlanta, who says he brought the boy from Atlanta to this city at the request of Mr. Beckwith, of Lawrence, Kan. The last named gentleman said that he started from named gentleman said that he started from Tampa, Fla., with Alex Simpson, the boy's father, and that on Wednesday night at Waycross, Ga., Mr. Simpson went to the water closet, since which time nothing has been seen or heard of him. Mr. Beckwith brought the boy to Atlanta, and then sent him here with Mr. Light. Mr. Simpson was bookkeeper for the Plant Steamship and Investment company and was on his way to Lawrence, where the boy says he expected to start a dry goods store. There are fears that he was murdered. Mr. Simpson's for-mer home was at Junction City, Kan., and his wife is now at Newark, N. J

After the Bender Style.

WIGHITA, KAN., December 24.-Mr.Charles Randolph, who is on his way east from "No Man's Land," relates a remarkable story of Man's Land," relates a remarkable story of the finding of bodies under the house and about the premises of a family named Kelly. He states that Kelly, his wife, daughter and son lived on a ranch some ten miles from Oak City, and as they were on a high road, travelers frequently spent the night with them. Some little time ago the Kelly family suddenly disappeared, but as nothing was known against them, their flight caused but little comment. little comment. A wak or so after their departure, some men happening by the ranch, entered the vacant house, and, on looking into the cellar, found the half decomposed body of a man. Further search revealed two other bodies. There would seem to have been a systematic slaughter, somewhat after the manner in which the Bender family used to dispose of their guests. Mr. Randolph has gone to Chicago. He says he has seen enough of the Indian Nation.

A Burglar Bomb Thrower. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 24.—Patrolman Cook last night saw a burglar at work and tried to arrest him. He threw something at the officer which struck him on the head and exploded, fracturing his skull. It is supposed to have been dyna-mite. Cook is in a critical condition but

A K, of L. Petition, New York, December 24.—The Knights of Labor are now busily engaged in circulating a petition which, when filled with signatures, will be sent to congress, and will call on that body to take steps to establish a government telegraph. The blanks have been issued by the general executive board. AN APPROPRIATE PRESENT.

resident Cleveland Sends the Pope a Copy of the Constitution of the United

Baltimons, MD., December 26.—A special dispatch from Rome to the Sun says: "The present from President Cleveland to the pope arrived. It is a copy of the United States constitution beautifully engrossed

pope arrived. It is a copy of the United States constitution beautifully engrossed and richly bound in book form. It was forwarded to Rome through Cardinal Gibbons, who received it in Baltimore from President Cleveland about three weeks ago. It was accompanied by a letter in which the president requested the cardinal to send his cordial congratulations to the pope on his approaching jubilee."

"The present," continues the dispatch, "has been placed in the keeping of the American college here, where it will remain until formally presented to the pope by Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, and Bishop Ryan, of Buffalo. The book is gilt edged, contains fifteen pages, each page sighteen inches square, and is bound with vellum of a green color. The words "The Constitution of the United States of America' are on the cover in gilt letters. The Constitution of the United States of America' are on the cover in gilt letters. The book rests in a handsome case of Tyrian purple. The few persons who have seen the present speak very highly of its merit as a specimen of what Americans do in that line, but the greatest praise it has created is given the president for the simplicity of his gift."

AMERICA HEADS THE LIST.

Our Mineral Output the Greatest Yet on Record-The Iron Product-Natural Gas. Washington, December 26.-The United States geological survey, Major J. W. Powell director, has issued statistics of the production of mineral during 1886. The report gives the production and value of every prominent mineral substance mined in the United States, and in addition a comparative statement of prices, sources of supply and technical matters which proved important during the year. It appears that the total value of the mineral products, taken as early as possible at the points of production, was more than \$465,000,000, the largest mineral production yet recorded in any country. In 1885 the value was about \$429,000,000. Many substances appeared in this increase, but particularly iron and steel, which alone showed an increase of \$30,000, 000. In 1886 bituminous coal was the most valuable mineral product, but in 1886 it was passed to pig iron, which had a higher total value than silver and gold combined. Won-derful progress is shown in the use of natural gas, the consumption being more than double that of 1885 and twenty times that of 1883. It is estimated that the value of coal displaced by natural gas in 1886 was over \$9,800,000. This is slightly less than half \$9,80,000. This is slightly the value of L 3 petroleum.

A Fatal Collission,

Fr. Scott, Kan., December 26.—The junction of the Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Gulf railway with the Missouri Pacific, in the suburbs of the city, was the scene of a fatal and damaging collision between two freight trains at 8:30 o'clock. The facts as near as can be obtained are as follows: A heavy freight train in charge of Conductor W. H.
Lawson and Engineer William Berry, of
Sedalia, while coming down grade east of
the junction, on the Missouri Pacific, broke
in two. Engineer Berry evidently made an effort to outrun the detached section of his train, and succeeded in reaching an elevation 200 or 300 yards east of the junction, when the train was recoupled. There, it is claimed, he blew his whistle three times and started for the crossing, which afforded a plain view of trains on which allorued a plant the cross-either road. Just as he reached the cross-ing an extra freight on the Kansas City, Fort Scot, & Gulf road, in sharge of Con-Fort Scott & Gulf road, in sharge of Con-cuctor Steve Hopkins and Engineer Comcuctor Steve Hopkins and Engineer Com-isky, came dashing along, going north, striking the Missouri Pacific engine just be-hind the drive wheels, utterly demolishing both locomotives and destroying several freight cars. Engineer Comisky and Fire-man Robert Welsh, of the Gulf train, jumped in time to save their lives, as did Harry Parke., fireman on the Pacific en-gine, but Engineer Berry held to his lever and was carried over and crushed to death by the falling engine. Engineer Berry reby the falling engine. Engineer Berry resided in Sedalia, was 34 years of age, and a member of the Brotherhood of Loc Engineers, besides several other orders, and carries a life insurance of \$12,000. The remains were sent to Sedalia.

LEONIDAS HAMLINE RETURNS,

The Wealthy Chicago Manufacturer Returns After a Mysterious Absence of

CHICAGO, December 26.-Leonidas Hamline, the wealthy manufacturer, returned to his home after a mysterious absence of over four weeks. He was accompanied by his brother, Alderman John Hamline, who is said to lave brought him from New Orleans. No explanation of the sudden disappearance is given, further than the missing man may have temporarily insane. His wife stated that he was in good health now and would be at his business to-morrow. She also said her husband brought back the \$1,000 which he had drawn from the bank to pay his men the week he, without the slightest warning, disappeared and was so completely lost track of.

A Very Narrow Escape. A Very Narrow Escape.

Atchison, Kan., December 26.—Tom Carroll, 14 years old, employed at Seip & Horton's printing office, attempted to cross the Missouri on the ice this morning. When about the middle of the stream he broke through the ice and went down. Seizing the firm ice on either side with his bare hands he contrived to keep his head above water

and shout lustily for help. N. D. Todd, su-perintendent of the bridge, procured a long ladder and venturing out on the ice as far as he dared shoved the ladder to the boy, who seized it and was rescued after being in the river nearly an hour. He was uncon-scious when brought ashore, but the physi-cians say he will recover.

Atchison's Sensation.

Atchison, Kan., December 26.—About three weeks ago a cow in East Atchison was bitten on the tongue by a mad dog. The animal was subsequently sold to a butcher and penned up. Yesterday she became furiously mad, broke out of the pen, ran down the road and encountered a woman by the name of Hollis, broke three of her ribe and gored her terribly, from the effects of which she died to-day. The cow was run down and killed but not until she had thor-oughly terrified the whole neighborhood.

Kansas City Sport, Kansas City Sport.

Kansas City, December 26.—T. H. Brooks, the light weight champion of Iowa, fought Billy Nolan, a local amateur, three miles south of the city this afternoon. The fight was with light gloves, Marquis of Queens, bury rules, and for \$100 a side. In the second round Brooks broke one of Nolan's ribs. Nolan showed up in the third ond round Brooks broke third round ribs. Nolan showed up in the third round Prooks was declare but fainted, and Brooks was de

General Fremont at Los Angeles. Los Angeles, Cal., December 26.—General John C. Fremont, accompanied by his wife and daughter, arrived in the city last night. The general and family propose to spend the remainder of the winter in Los Angeles or the vicinity, and while here he will complete his second volume of memoirs.

Very Cold Weather, Sr. Paul, December 26.—The weather report issued here to-night shows some low temperatures throughout the northwest, all of the following being below zero: Duluth 6, St. Paul 2, Huron, Dak., 14; Moorehead, Minn., 20; Ft. Garry 21, Ft. Fotten 24, Que Appell 24; Bismarck 15.